

AZCC Diagnosis and Treatment Committee Meeting

June 18th, 2007

Members present

Suzanne Hyde, Mary Schneider, Bill McMullen, Marisue Garganta, Becky Howard, Kendra Sabol, Lori D'Ambrosio, Jessica Han, Sharon Jaycox, and welcoming a new member: Melanie O'Hara!

Updates and Announcements

The Wellness Community received an Outstanding Community Award! Yea! Way to go TWC thanks for all you do for our communities and loved ones! CONGRATS!

An update was provided by those attending the Leadership Institute in Los Angeles CA.

Committee Work/Structure/Tasks

Discussion was held on maturing our roles and structure as a committee. Discussion centered upon development of sub-committees within our committee that would focus on

1. Financial barriers: Access to care
2. Geographic barriers: Access to care
3. Medical technology and advances in cancer care
4. On-going projects
 - a. Matrix of services (ensuring completion of booklet, proper distribution, taking it to the next level i.e. website access and ensuring it remains a living document that is updated periodically.)
 - b. Next Objective or project

This discussion was not resolved. We will continue to define and outline the sub-committees detailing not only their topic focus, but the manner in which they work, communicate, etc.

There was also a call for assistance from the Co-Chair that there are roles needing to be filled within the group's infrastructure and we will ask members to contribute according to their skills and time. Some of the potential tasks needing to be done are: meeting logistics, recruitment and retention, project logistics (events), coalition building (with community and other committees).

Open Discussion

Following is a brief summary of points raised by members. *(NOTE: Normally this type of narrative of our dialogue would not necessarily be included in the meeting minutes, however, with so many new members and great ideas that were presented it seemed appropriate and important to get our discussion down on paper, many of which should be followed up in our next meeting.)*

- ☐ Access should be focused on basic needs access first before focusing on issues that would reach fewer people therefore have less impact.
- ☐ There is a need to coalesce and communicate with advocacy groups within the state to develop our "call to action" response mechanism and develop a stronger AZCCC advocacy component.
- ☐ A main challenge on our plate as DX and TX committee and as well as the entire AZCCC is the issue of immigration and cancer. How are we serving our guests?
- ☐ We should also remember that there are great disparities and access to care issues with American citizens and in communities across our state.
- ☐ Collaboration with other states should be a focus, e.g. the AZ/New Mexico joint grant collaboration.
- ☐ There is a need to play upon and nurture the synergies that are within the AZCCC as a whole. Many committees are focused upon issues such as advocacy, health disparities etc. How do we work together?

- ☐ There may be a need to develop an advisory board of patients to help us keep our eyes on that which is most important to the people we are serving.
- ☐ How do we reach the hard to reach? With any of our projects, advisory boards, activities? What about considering a bi-lingual community forum?
- ☐ Marketing, recruitment and retention continue to be deficits in AZCCC.
- ☐ Access to care is also about knowing what IS available. How do we build upon the matrix of services to get more information out to communities about such services as financial assistance, medication scholarships, other assistance programs?
- ☐ Members want to find focus and productive participation in AZCCC, we need to ensure we provide this for all members.
- ☐ What about a Patient Navigation conference? Or a road-show of town halls to discuss cancer issues and the objectives, projects and progress of AZCCC. We should couple this with Hispanic Town Halls. One of the first goals of these town halls would be to provide information on what is available in the state in terms of cancer services, programs and assistance.
- ☐ There is a great connection that should happen between AZ211 and the AZCCC. Let's look into this to embolden our ability to reach people and utilize a resource that is already available.

TASKS

- ☐ Suzanne Hyde is gathering a list of Hispanic organizations to bring to the next meeting.
- ☐ Sharon and Kendra are copying the DX TX section of the AZ Cancer Plan to bring to the next meeting.
- ☐ Becky will provide a link to the website that has a pdf version of the plan that is downloadable. The link is: www.azcancercontrol.gov
- ☐ **Fill out the DX TX Member and Expectations Commitment Form** (email to Becky Howard or turn in at meeting...email is preferred.)
- ☐ A calendar for the year will be set at our next meeting. **(BRING YOUR CALENDARS!)**
- ☐ **CALL FOR NEW MEMBERS!** (bring to next meeting or at least contact info)

NEXT MEETING

The next DX & TX Meeting will be held **July 16th at St. Joes, Great American Tower—10th Floor, 3200 N Central Ave, Phoenix from NOON to 2 p.m.** LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED!
(Thanks Marisue!) Call in number is 602.542.9014.